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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 342
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Andrew "Drew" Rugby Presswood on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of this nation's greatest assets, providing young people ages six to twenty with an educational program geared toward character development, citizenship training and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest accomplishment a Boy Scout can attain is the rank of Eagle Scout and Andrew "Drew" Rugby Presswood, after considerable hard work and preparation, has been selected to join the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Drew is the son of proud parents Walter and Sheila Presswood and he has one sister, Emily; and

WHEREAS, he was a popular and highly regarded student at Oak Grove Elementary School and Cleveland Middle School. At these two fine institutions he was active in he Academic Olympics, served as editor of the yearbook, was a reporter for the *Falcon News*, and participated in wrestling, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, Drew is a distinguished 1997 graduate of Cleveland High School, where he excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, he was named Best Actor in the Class Playoffs, won the Best Spirit Award, received the VFW Voice of Democracy contest award, was one of three winners in the East

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Tennessee State University art competition, won numerous art awards and had many of his works of art exhibited at Hunter Museum in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his strong faith through his active membership in the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, where he has served as President of the Youth Choir, Vice-President of the Youth Council, member of the Youth Mission team and member of the Lay Witness team; and

WHEREAS, he began his illustrious scouting career at age 7 as a Cub Scout and has earned the God and Country Award and the Arrow of Light Award; and

WHEREAS, he has served admirably in all ranks of Scouting: as Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, Star, and Life; and

WHEREAS, Drew attended summer camp at Skymont for four years and participated in Merit Badge College at Tennessee Tech University; and

WHEREAS, his diligent efforts have resulted in a phenomenal 22 Merit Badges. These include camping, citizenship in the community, citizenship in the nation, citizenship in the world, communications, emergency preparedness, environmental science, first aid, swimming, personal management, safety, family life, art, basketry, canoeing, cooking, forestry, Indian lore, leatherwork, pottery, rowing, and truck transportation; and

WHEREAS, he has meritoriously served in several very important offices in Scouting including patrol leader, senior patrol leader, bookkeeper, librarian, and quartermaster; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary Eagle project which was organizing, directing, and achieving improvements for Unity United Methodist Church, benefited the church and the community significantly and reflected the finest traditions of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize Drew Presswood as one of our best and brightest young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor, congratulate and commend Drew Presswood on becoming an Eagle Scout and wish him well in his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.